

PRESIDENT: We are back to Senator Warner for the committee amendments to LB813.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I move for the adoption of the committee amendments. What essentially the committee amendments are technical corrections, one of them changes the name to metropolitan rather than eastern, the other new language here provides the method of how the governing board will function between the passage of the bill, should it be passed in the next election and in effect it will have the two boards of the eastern and the Omaha district function until the Governor appoints an interim board to serve...till the next regular election and then the other amendment would insure that the effective date of the act, the assess program liabilities and personnel of both of the two systems would be transferred in tact to the metropolitan technical community college area and then it adds the emergency clause as well. These are in effect are the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion of the committee amendments to LB813? Any further discussion? The question is then shall the committee amendments be adopted? All those in favor vote aye, those opposed say no. So ordered. The committee amendments are adopted. Now, Senator Simpson back to you. Are there other amendments perhaps to the bill? Senator Simpson.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President, members of the legislature I move that LB813 as amended be advanced to E & R for review. I think that it should be clearly stated that this was my bill that there were others and I wouldn't want others to get confused. We are talking about construction or anything else. The thing that we are doing is primarily in the amendment what Senator Warner has explained to you that we are establishing a new technical college area, including the area that was eastern and the Omaha Technical College. The name would now be the Metropolitan Technical College Area and it would encompass the entire four counties. It would allow for the new board to be appointed and I think that before this bill gets clear across there may be a

(end belt #10)

(start belt #11)

tie in on the board that would make sure that every area would specifically be represented and this will probably come on Select File on someones motion. But, I think that we have found out that it is bad to have two areas tied together one within the other and where the population in the second is in one end of the area and the geography is on the other, it is very difficult to put such an area together and they really haven't got going yet by keeping the staff that they now have and expanding and I think that it will be a good area and it is important. The reason that I brought it up today is the fact that in order to make budget decisions as to the technical college areas throughout the state, we have to know whether this bill will go. As of this time I know of no one involved in the areas who opposed the merger of the districts.

PRESIDENT: Alright, Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: I would like to ask Senator Simpson a question.